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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON

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SUBJ: MESSAGE FOR THE SHAH FROM PRESIDENT CARTER

REF: (A) TEHRAN 4675, (B) STATE 121886

1. STORM SIGNALS RAISED BY THE SHAH ARE IN REACTION TO MY
COMPLETE PRESENTATION TO KHALATBARY OF OUR NEW ARMS SALES
POLICY INCLUDING TALKING POINTS WHICH WERE PROVIDED ON
"IF ASKED" BASIS IN PARAGRAPH NINE OF STATE 115406.
SUBSEQUENT TO MY REFTEL A REPORT, SHAH HAS SENT US ADDITIONAL
SIGNALS VIA IIAF COMMANDER GENERAL RABIEI. IN ORDER THAT
YOU AND SECRETARY MAY HAVE FULL FLAVOR OF HIS STATE OF MIND
FOR YOUR MEETING WITH ZAHEDI ON SATURDAY, FOLLOWING ARE
ADDITIONAL POINTS HE MADE VIA RABIEI: (A) SHAH CANNOT
UNDERSTAND WHY IRAN SEEMS TO BE CONSIDERED LESS IMPORTANT
THAT OTHER COUNTRIES GIVEN SPECIAL STATUS. HOW, HE ASKED,
CAN NEW ZEALAND BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN IRAN; (B) HE ASKED,
"WHO DO THEY THINK WE ARE?" WE ARE PREPARED TO GIVE
OUR LIFE'S BLOOD AND WHAT DO THEY DO?" IRAN HAS PLAYED
MOST USEFUL ROLE AS STABILIZING FORCE IN REGION AND HE
THOUGHT U.S. SUPPORTED THIS AND VIEWED IT AS BEING IN
OUR MUTUAL INTEREST; (C) SHAH SAID THAT IRAN HAD

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ALWAYS DONE WHAT U.S. WANTED, SUCH AS, BOMBS FOR ISRAEL,
OIL FOR ISRAEL, AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR VIETNAM;
(D) SHAH STRESSED THAT ONLY IRAN CAN DECIDE WHAT IRAN
NEEDS; (E) HE REMINDED US OF NOVEMBER 1976 ARMS DEAL WITH
USSR AND SAID THAT USSR HAD ALREADY OFFERED IRAN MIG-25s,
BUT THEN SAID HE DID NOT INTEND TO FALL INTO THAT TRAP.

2. I WILL, OF COURSE, CARRY OUT REFTEL B INSTRUCTIONS,
BUT AM SURE YOU WILL APPRECIATE POSSIBILITY OF AN EVEN
STRONGER REACTION THAN FOREGOING, AS IT DEALS WITH A
SPECIFIC FOR INSTANCE. HOPE THAT I RECEIVE IMMEDIATELY
FULL REPORT ON SECRETARY'S MEETINGS WITH ZAHEDI TO ENSURE
FROM THIS END COMPLETE ACCURACY OF THE ACCOUNT AND RE-
INFORCEMENT OF REASSURANCES SECRETARY WILL BE PROVIDING.
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